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## Inauguration of Primary Health Centre at Mirza

Advanced treatment of cancer is now available in the state. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Regional Cancer Hospital has experienced and skilled doctors engaged in the treatment of cancer patients. Not only the cancer hospital but also other hospitals in the state are now providing good quality medical services. Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha said this while inaugurating the 10-bed Mirza Primary Health Centre in Udaipur on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. It may be noted that the Chief Minister on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 inaugurated the newly constructed building of Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre at Jamjuri.

At the programme, the Chief Minister urged the patients and their families to have faith in the doctors. But doctors are still attacked by patient parties in several hospitals which is by no means desirable. Doctors and medical staff should be respected. He said that the current government has given the highest priority for the development of the health infrastructure. The government is trying to build all kinds of infrastructure in the health department. Chief Minister also said that the people of Mirza had a long demand for a health centre here. Finally their dreams came true. Besides, the Chief Minister appreciated the role of Ajay Majumdar, Rakhal Kundu and late Bharat Chandra Majumdar, the land donors for Mirza Primary Health Centre. He said initiatives have been taken to upgrade primary and community health centres in the state to wellness centre by 2022. Oxygen plants have been set up at AGMC and IGM hospitals in the state during the covid pandemic which is the largest oxygen plant in Northeast. Taking inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country's scientists have discovered a invented for covid which are given free of cost to the citizens.

Chief Minister also expressed concern over the trend of taking drugs among a section of the youth. Chief Minister said that one of the goals of the state government is to create a drug-free Tripura. Parents have to take more active role to free the youth from the clutches of drugs. The administration is also continuing its fight against addiction. For this, therapy centres have been opened at Vaghmun, Kumarghat, Kailashahar and Damcherra health centres. Currently there are two medical colleges in the state. Besides, a plan has been taken to open another medical college in ADC area. For this, prospective land has been identified in Ambassa. The number of seats for PG courses in medical college has been increased. The number of seats for this course has been increased from 63 to 79. This will reduce the shortage of specialist doctors in the state. The number of seats in AGMC has been increased from 100 to 125. IGM Hospital has introduced PG Diploma courses in different subjects. To meet the shortage of doctors, the retirement age of doctors has been increased from 60 to 65 years. 156 doctors have been recruited through TPSC. Similarly, recruitment of 35 dental surgeons is under process.

At the programme, MLA Biplab Kumar Ghosh said that the government is working hard for the welfare of the people. Even during the time of covid, the government has stood by the common people. Director of Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Dr. Radha Debbarma said, in the coming days, the initiative of providing 24-hour medical services will be taken at Mirza Primary Health Centre. It should be noted that Mirza Primary Health Centre was built under the management of the PWD. Apart from the health centre, quarters have also built for the doctors and health workers. 4 crore rupees have been spent for the entire project. Kakraban Block Panchayat Samiti Chairperson Supriya Saha presided over the programme. The secretary of the health department Debashis Basu was present among the distinguished guests, TIDC Chairman Tinku Roy, Gomati Zilla Parishad Soho Sabhadhipati Debal Debroy, Gomati District Magistrate, Govekar Mayur Ratilal, District Police Superintendent Shashvat Kumar, Social woker Ratan Ghosh, Abhishek Debroy and others were present at the programme.

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